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disposition by the General Agent at a domestic port.

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Sec. 4 General provisions.

(a) All slop chest items, damaged or otherwise, shall be removed or transferred only in compliance with applicable regulations dealing with Property Removals.

(b) In the transfer of a vessel from one General Agent to another General Agent the physical transfer of the complete slop chest shall also be accomplished between the respective General Agents. The General Agents participating in such transfer shall complete and have their respective representatives sign, a joint inventory containing the unit cost price and extensions of all slop chest items, a copy of which shall be submitted to the Division of Operations, NSA, Washington, DC 20590, together with a copy of the Slop Chest Statement for the voyage terminated prior to transfer of the vessel. An additional copy of the Slop Chest Statement shall be submitted to the Comptroller's Office, Division of Accounts, Maritime Administration, Washington, DC 20590.

(c) In pricing the contents of the slop chest, the General Agent shall comply with all applicable regulations of the Office of Price Stabilization, Economic Stabilization Agency.

(d) It shall be the responsibility of each General Agent and Master to exercise reasonable care and diligence in the compliance with the Owner's obligations hereunder and in the protection and disposition of slop chest items.

(e) Neither the General Agent nor the Master shall place insurance on the contents of the slop chest purchased for the account of the NSA.

All slop chests purchased on or after the effective date of this regulation shall conform to the instructions contained in this order.

NOTE: Records and logs referred to in the above order, shall be retained until the completion of the audit by the General Accounting Office, at which time the Maritime Ad-

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ministration will take custody of the records.

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PART 329—VOYAGE DATA

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AUTHORITY: Sec. 204, 49 Stat. 1987, as amended; 46 U.S.C. 1114.

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Section 1 What this order does.

The General Agents, as appointed by the National Shipping Authority, promulgated under GAA, 3/19/51, shall be instructed in the manner of recording voyage activities of dry cargo vessels operated for the account of the National Shipping Authority.

Sec. 2 Voyage numbers.

(a) The voyages of National Shipping Authority vessels shall be numbered consecutively commencing with voyage No. 1 having the prefixed designation NSA and followed by the General Agents' abbreviated designation and voyage number, as NSA-1/ABC-1.

(b) The continuity of NSA voyage numbers shall not change with berth agency operations or in the transfer of vessels to other General Agents.

(c) The General Agents' designated abbreviation and voyage numbers shall terminate upon transfer of the vessel and the succeeding General Agent shall affix his abbreviated designation and initial voyage numbers, as NSA-13/XYZ-1.

Sec. 3 Voyage commencements.

(a) All voyages shall commence at 0001 hours of the date on which any of the following activities occur first:

- (1) Vessel goes on loading berth, or
- (2) Vessel sails outward on a new voyage, or

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(3) Following termination of the previous voyage as prescribed in section 4(a) of this order.

(4) Following termination of an idle status period as prescribed in section 5 (a) and (b) of this order.

Sec. 4 Voyage terminations.

(a) All voyages shall terminate at a continental United States port at 2400 hours of the date on which any of the following activities were completed, whichever occurs last:

- (1) Final discharge of cargo or ballast.
- (2) Paying off of crew from sea articles.
- (3) Completion of voyage repairs.
- (b) [Reserved]

Sec. 5 Idle status period.

(a) The General Agent shall place a vessel in idle status during the period of reactivation or deactivation or upon redelivery from Military Sea Transportation Service notwithstanding the fifteen (15) days minimum period as provided for in paragraph (b) of this section.

(b) The General Agent shall place a vessel in idle status, although the voyage may have commenced, whenever and as soon as it is anticipated that the minimum period of inactivity will exceed fifteen (15) days, due, but not limited to: (1) Repairs, (2) labor, (3) awaiting allocation, (4) awaiting cargo.

(c) Should the anticipated period of inactivity terminate prior to the expiration of the 15 day minimum idle status period, except as provided in paragraph (a) of this section, the General Agent shall cancel the idle status and antedate the succeeding voyage commencement to the termination of the previous voyage as prescribed in section 4(a) of this order.

(d) Should an idle status period be established after a voyage has commenced, the voyage shall be suspended for the duration of the idle status period and resumed when the idle status period is terminated.

(e) Idle status periods as defined in this order, shall be established only in continental United States ports.

(f) Idle status periods shall be treated as separate accounting periods.

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Sec. 6 General provisions.

(a) In cases of overlapping activities and all other questions arising in respect to voyage commencements, terminations and idle status periods as defined in sections 4 and 5 of this order, the General Agent shall immediately inform the nearest Coast Director, or his local representative of the circumstances and submit recommendations for terminating a voyage. The resulting recommendations, decisions and instructions shall be confirmed in writing to the General Agent, with a copy of such correspondence being sent to the Division of Operations, N.S.A., Washington 25, DC.

(b) In the event a vessel is employed in intermediate voyage or voyages, or in cross trading outside the continental United States, the voyage shall continue until terminated at a continental United States port.

(c) There shall be no voyage terminations outside continental United States ports except in cases of,

- (1) Total loss or constructive total loss of the vessel.
- (2) Transfer of operations.

Sec. 7 Operation under current GAA/MSTS Southeast Asia Program.

In order to adapt the provisions of NSA Order 35 (OPR-2) to the particular circumstances of the present GAA/MSTS Southeast Asia Program, the following material partially modifying certain sections of that order is published.

For General Agency operations not related to the current GAA/MSTS Southeast Asia Program, NSA Order 35 (OPR-2) remains unchanged and wholly applicable. Except where specifically altered by the material which follows, it also remains applicable to the present situation.

For voyages made under the current GAA/MSTS program only, the following provisions concerning voyage commencements and terminations shall apply in lieu of those appearing in

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sections 3 and 4 of NSA Order 35 (OPR-2). Continental United States ports do not include ports in the states of Alaska or Hawaii.

(a) The commencement of the initial voyage shall occur in a continental U.S. port at 0001 hours of the day the vessel is tendered and accepted for use by MSTs. Subsequent voyages shall commence in a continental U.S. port at 0001 hours of the day after either of the following activities occurs:

(1) The previous voyage terminates.

(2) Reduced operational status period terminates and vessel returns to full operational status.

(b) Voyages shall terminate in a continental U.S. port at 2400 hours of the day that the following action is completed:

(1) Paying off of the crew from sea articles.

(c) Since, in all instances, the voyage termination procedure takes precedence over the voyage commencement procedure and since it is mandatory that voyages terminate in a continental U.S. port, the following exception to the requirement of paragraph (b) of this section shall be effective when warranted:

(1) If the vessel completes payoff as in paragraph (b) of this section and takes departure within the same calendar day, the General Agent shall immediately inform the nearest Coast Director of Area Representative of the circumstances and submit recommendations regarding voyage termination. The resulting recommendations, decisions, and instructions shall be confirmed in writing to the General Agent, copy to Division of Operations, Washington, DC 20590.

(d) Where a vessel is employed in intermediate voyages or in cross trading outside the continental United States, the original voyage shall continue until terminated under conditions in paragraph (b) of this section.

[OPR-2, Amdt. 3, 33 FR 6710, May 2, 1968. Redesignated at 45 FR 44587, July 1, 1980]

PART 330—LAUNCH SERVICES

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1. What this order does.
2. Authority for launch hire.

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Section 1 What this order does.

This order prescribes the circumstances under which launch hire will be accepted by National Shipping Authority as vessel operating expense.

Sec. 2 Authority for launch hire.

Launch hire in foreign and domestic ports will be accepted by National Shipping Authority as vessel operating expense, subject to the provisions of Article 5 of GAA 3-19-51 and BAA 9-19-51, only under the following circumstances:

(a) When incurred by the Master of an NSA vessel, or by an agent of NSA or by his sub-agent, for the purpose of properly conducting the owners' activities and business of NSA vessels;

(b) When incurred in transporting liberty parties to or from an NSA vessel with the approval of the Master or the General Agent as properly for account of the vessel owner; and

(c) When incurred for the transportation of workmen required aboard the vessel, if the contract for the work provides that such service shall be for account of NSA, and the launch service is authorized by the representative of NSA or the agent who ordered the work to be performed for account of NSA.

PART 332—REPATRIATION OF SEAMEN

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1. What this order does.
2. Definitions.
3. Classification of repatriates.
4. Manner of repatriation.
5. Repatriation charges.
6. General provisions.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 204, 49 Stat. 1937, as amended; 46 U.S.C. 1114.

SOURCE: OPR-5, 18 FR 1446, Mar. 13, 1953, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated at 45 FR 44587, July 1, 1980.

Section 1 What this order does.

This order prescribes the manner in which seamen separated from vessels